

Public Health and Health Services Block Grant Committee Meeting

June 24, 2013

Larkin Conference Room

12:00 PM

Members Present:

Kristin Adams (representing Dr. William VanNess, State Health Commissioner), Art Logsdon, Champ Thomaskutty, Ann Alley, Danielle Patterson (American Heart Assn), James Miller, DDS, Helen Schwartzel, Mary Ann Sloan (Purdue University)

Members Absent:

James Howell, DVM, Jessica Trimble, Meredith Addison, Brian Carnes

12:05 PM Kristin called the meeting to order. This meeting is the second required meeting for the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant work plan. The first meeting was held June 7, 2013, targeted at an internal review. This meeting includes partners outside the agency.

ISDH is being awarded \$1.2 million for the federal fiscal year 2013. Of this amount, \$144,972 automatically is awarded to Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to reduce the prevalence of rape and attempted rape of women age 12 and older through education and intervention. ISDH focuses the PHHS funding resources on programs with no or little funding.

Each program being funded through this application gave an overview of their work plans and accomplishments.

Oral Health—Conduct a statewide survey of 3rd graders oral health status in conjunction with overweight and obesity. Height, weight, and BMI will be collected in collaboration with the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity. Contracts are in place for the gathering of the data. Surveys will be conducted in late August and early September.

Chronic Diseases—multiple health activities being focused on: Heart disease and stroke, cancer, diabetes, and asthma are the main program areas being addressed. Training for community health workers, community health centers, coordination with coalitions. The subject of disabilities is a new objective for the New Year. Statistics show that 12% of the population indicate they have a disability. Improving health outcomes in this population is a goal. Technical assistance to involved parties enabling all to access pertinent information.

Danielle Patterson, outside committee member asked community health centers indicators for treatment of diabetes, cardiovascular, cancer screening risk factors. Do the centers have a system in place for consistent gathering of information? The centers currently use an excel

spreadsheet for reporting statistics to DPCP. Conversation continued about current data gathering programs and capabilities of other entities in the state. A database has been reviewed and cost is a detriment to purchasing.

Injury Prevention/Trauma—Staff is in place and work continues in developing infrastructure for gathering information. Focus is on data and best practices.

Office of Public Health Performance Management—Workforce development continues to be a priority with funding to multiple trainings for local health department staffs (health officers, public health nurses, etc.). A workforce development coordinator will be involved in the Learning Management System currently being put into place, in collaboration with the Public Health Foundation. The funding for the LMS software was leveraged through CMS funding. PHHS dollars will also be used to develop a Health Indicators Website (www.Indianaindicators.org) will enable local health departments to access current statistics in a more convenient manner. The availability of Medicaid information continues to be questioned. Champ and Danielle will communicate on the needs and availability of information. OPHPM continues to work with toward accreditation and providing technical assistance to local health departments.

ISDH has not been notified of the official amount of allocation for FFY 2014. Until we receive official notification. An additional \$40,000 will be available that will pay for an epidemiologist to focus on vital records data.

A public hearing for the application will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 2-3 pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm